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# A Sweet Sight

## Penny Candy Store Mural Pops



A new mural on the Penny Candy Store adds more "candy" to the iconic establishment's colored exterior. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak's iconic Penny Candy Store has undergone changes with new owner Lorrie Brummett at the shop's helm.

For more than a decade, the legendary confectionery boasted a red and white striped exterior and two murals that branded the store for locals.

When the white paint went up on the exterior during renovations, questions and comments arose. Locals took to social media wondering if the murals would return, with others

stating their opinions, not all kind.

Meanwhile, Brummett had worked with Live Oak High School to open a contest for the students, putting the store wall's artistic future in the hands of a local teenager.

Brummett told the Herald that she wanted to support the students and showcase what they could do.

"This is a local icon," Brummett said. "I wanted to use local talent."

Chukaria Martin's submission won the art contest and ushers in a new generation of Penny Candy Store mural.

Brummett recalled strong

contenders during her review of art submissions but Martin's concept "spoke" to her.

"I get goosebumps when I see it... It really pops!" she said of the final draft as the artist began painting.

And "pops" it does, as a large rainbow lollipop anchors the center of a multi-colored, candied design.

Martin started the project in the high temperatures of early June. She enlisted the guidance of artist Lilly James, as this was Martin's first mural. Live Oak Lions came to the rescue of the two women, donating

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# Council Discusses Meaningful Collaboration in Planning Future Growth

By Melody McDowell

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - At the July 15 regular Gridley City Council meeting, City Administrator Elisa Arteaga discussed how the city should respond to a proposed letter of agreement initiated by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) regarding communication procedures to be followed in planning future housing development projects for the community.

Arteaga indicated that she was approached about the possibility of entering into such an agreement following a concern raised at a meeting by the Local Agency Formation Commission and local municipal districts about a lack of appropriate notification from city officials to area districts regarding a particular project. She stated "this did in fact occur, we acknowledged that, we said we would be better at that moving forward and they discussed having an agreement or letter of agreement that supported this. I said 'sure, send me what you have.' They sent me what they were proposing but upon review, our city attorney and myself, we noticed there were certain sections that really called for their (the districts') final approval (of future projects proposed).

City attorney Anthony Galyean provided additional context, noting that a particular water district threatened to sue the city last year after concerns that the city had approved a project without making certain requirements of the developer.

He stated that "it was agreed then that in the spirit of cooperation we will do what we can to facilitate (desired) enhancements ... but it's not the city's obligation to necessarily dictate what a developer can or should be required to require. But rather that is the purview of the landowner, as long as the engineer signs off on the appropriateness of whatever the mitigation or protective measures are that are taken."

The proposed letter of agreement requests signatures from the City of Gridley, the City of Biggs, the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission, Reclamation District 2056, Reclamation District 833, the Butte Water District, the Biggs-West Gridley Water District and Drainage District 1. It was

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# Park Fire Still Burning



Firefighters and support crews from throughout the state have been attacking the blaze non-stop, with heavy aerial support to knock the fire down and prevent it from taking communities. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE

By Seti Long

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A week after the Park Fire started in upper Bidwell Park, skies in Northern California are still filled with smoke as the massive wildfire continues to burn.

As of 10:30 a.m. July 31, the Park Fire had burned a total of 389,791 acres throughout Butte, Plumas, Shasta and Tehama counties,

destroying a reported 358 structures, damaging 21 structures and threatening 8,200 structures.

Evacuation orders saw thousands of residents ordered to leave their homes, with the fire coming too close for comfort to an already traumatized Paradise. Flames threatened Magalia and Forrest Ranch, with some areas of Cohasset run over by flames.

Firefighters and support crews

from throughout the state have been attacking the blaze non-stop, with heavy aerial support to knock the fire down and prevent it from taking communities.

CAL FIRE's Situation Summary, as of July 31, states that the fires continue to burn actively in multiple areas and around the perimeter. The public can continue to expect

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The future is now. I never thought I would do it, but I have mowed a lawn with an electric lawnmower. I must admit that I did not enjoy it as much as using a Briggs and Stratton powered gas mower, but I am able to report that the electric mower did actually do the job. The test driving of this electric mower falls right in line with the other big news of the day which is a new bank opening at the corner of Highway 99 and Hazel Street. This latest version of the Wells Fargo Bank is a drive up kiosk - no employees - no lobby - no front desk and no building at all. You can track the changes that

have occurred in our modern life, by taking note of this evolution. Wells Fargo used to be housed at a rather large building on the corner of Kentucky and Sycamore; that building is now occupied by Ampla Health. Wells Fargo then moved inside the Safeway on Highway 99 and as of this week it will be a drive up kiosk where there used to be a Chevy dealership. The rate at which our interactions are moving from human beings to phone based apps, robots, or kiosks is accelerating. Using the app on your phone you can buy Little Caesar's pizza at the Heritage Oak Shopping Center and never interact with the human being. The phone gives you the code to open the door to get your own pizza after you design your pizza and pay for it. You may have been wondering when the future was going to come to Live Oak, Biggs and Gridley ... well the future is now.

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I can't figure out what it

means when the car wash at the corner of 99 and Spruce Street has a giant flag that says "under new management". It's a self-serve car wash. One of the reasons I always went there was when I put in the quarters and washed my car, I was the manager.

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If you're the kind of person who still looks for the caboose at the end of the train, meaning you don't like all of this new technology, the car wash for you is Paredes Super Clean hand wash and detail center in the old Bill Oakley gas station. No robots there. The average car in the United States now costs more than \$48,000 if you go to Paredes and get your car washed and detailed it's like having a new car for a lot less money. I've added it to the Pi Line list of things to do to feel special; like buying the better gas Stohlman's 76, or shopping at Bel Air Market in Yuba City.

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Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. ★

# For the Love of Puppies



Butte County Search and Rescue's Trevor Skaggs stands in front of the helicopter he used to save a family of Rottweilers during the Park Fire. Photo courtesy of Butte County Search and Rescue

## Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On the night of July 24, as people were frantically evacuating in a remote area above Cohasset, near Campbellville, a resident's truck became disabled. Unfortunately, the resident had to leave the truck behind, which included two adult Rottweilers and their puppies. The owner provided responders with

the truck's location but the area was not immediately accessible, due to the fire. Trevor Skaggs, a Butte County Sheriff Office Search and Rescue member, flew to the area in a Sheriff Office helicopter. After arriving, Skaggs ran 1.5 miles to the location and found the puppies and mother alive but tired and very thirsty. Unfortunately, the puppies' father was found to have not survived. After giving the mother

and her puppies water and bites from his protein bar, Skaggs was able to get the five of them to follow him 1.5 miles back to the helicopter. The puppies and their mother were then flown to the Chico Airport and are now being cared for by North Valley Animal Disaster Group members. It has been a horrific few days for our community and we are grateful to be able to share this amazing story. ★

## MEMORIAL

### THOMAS D. "ROCKY" FARRIS • 5/23/1957 - 7/21/2024

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Rocky Farris share the news of his sudden passing, Sunday morning, July 21, 2024, in Gridley, California.



He was born in Yuba City on May 23, 1957, and attended all Gridley schools. He played football in High School, Pig Pop during his Firefighter years and Semi Pro for the Cougars in Yuba City. He was 1 of 16 brothers and sisters.

Rocky had many hobbies and several careers throughout his life. He started as a "shade tree" mechanic at a young age with his father. He worked for many local farmers as a teen in several different orchards, driving a rice harvester and bank out for Rudd and Cardoza Farms. He was head line-mechanic at McConnell Ford, water tender for Butte Water District. He opened and managed the first Roundtable Pizza in Gridley.

He was a Volunteer Firefighter for GFD and back up Maintenance for Butte County Fair for several seasons. He set up and helped manage the CRCHA (Snaffle Bit Futurity) in Reno after the fair ended. He was a Route Manager for Interstate Batteries, before owning and operating 2 Health Food Stores

with his wife in Folsom and Sacramento. He was a glass bender for a prestigious Neon Glass Company in Corona. He opened and (often managed) 9 Home Depots in California, Oregon and Washington, along with 6 Lowes HIW in California.

He loved to go fishing and camping and getaways to the ocean. He achieved a long-time dream, when he went cross country on his motorcycle, visiting family and enjoying the scenery. His green thumb brought a bountiful garden yearly and loved sharing his produce with family and friends. He never missed a day feeding his hummingbirds.

His love for NASCAR took him sidelines with his son yearly to Sonoma Raceway. He drove a car many years in the Destruction Derby and loved cattle round up with his dear friend for Johnson Cattle Ranch. He stayed up nights during Festa season cooking Sopas and was

always available to help a friend when needed to fix a vehicle, mend a fence or build a barn.

He loved Classic Rock and often ventured on long drives to inhale the scenery.

He was preceded in death by his parents Garland "Sonny" and Elva Farris, brothers James, Keith, Wendell, and Mark Allen and a sister Dece. He is survived by the love of his life, wife Lynne, his son Chuck (Heather) of Sonora and daughter Jessica of Gridley, 6 grandchildren: Dimitre, Phoenix, Blaize, Valor, Aurora (Sonora) and Hespera (Gridley) and newest addition, his first great-grandchild Naomi Olivia, and multiple nieces and nephews.

His surviving siblings include Terry Keck (Kentucky), Sandy Sanders (Oroville), Larry Farris (Kentucky), Jennifer Morton (North Dakota), Paula Cox (Jerry) Montana, Virginia Henriksen (Yuba City), Patty Hitch (Washington), Kevin Farris (Won Lee) (Philippines), Marty Farris (Oroville), and Margaret Trainor (Kentucky). His love of life, beaming smile and unique laughter was highly contagious. He is and will be greatly missed. A Celebration of Life will be announced in the Fall.

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Firefighters and support crews from throughout the state have been attacking the blaze non-stop, with heavy aerial support to knock the fire down and prevent it from taking communities. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE

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widespread smoke.

Also mentioned were potential weather conditions toward the end of this week that could continue to impact the fire and allow for "increased fire activity and extreme fire behavior."

CAL FIRE reports that "fire crews are providing structure defense where needed. They are attempting to complete containment lines in some areas and gain a stronghold in the challenging topography while also engaging in mop-up where applicable."

Although the Butte County Sheriffs Office has lifted evacuation orders

for Paradise, Magalia and other areas, portions of the county are still under evacuation orders. Officials remain vigilant about fire conditions and ready to reinstate orders if necessary.

As of press time, the Park Fire is the fifth largest wildfire in the State of California, falling short of surpassing the SCU Lighting Complex by about 10,000 acres. The largest fire in California history is the August Complex, which burned 1,032,648 acres.

For more information on the Park Fire, including incident reports, photos and videos, visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/7/24/park-fire>. ★

# State of Emergency Declared for Park Fire



On July 26, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Butte and Tehama counties because of the Park Fire near Chico. Newsom analyzes a briefing map with CAL FIRE. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On July 26, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Butte and Tehama counties due to the Park Fire, the state's largest fire to date in 2024.

As the Park Fire continued to grow and threaten communities, Newsom visited CAL FIRE's Incident Command Post on July 27 and surveyed ongoing firefighting efforts to protect communities, according to Newsom's office. The Park Fire started near Chico.

Following the July 27 visit, Newsom announced that the state secured federal assistance for Tehama County to suppress the Park Fire. This is in addition to the federal assistance secured for Butte County.

The proclamation makes additional resources available for response and recovery efforts and supports impacted residents by

easing access to unemployment benefits and waiving fees to replace driver's licenses and records such as marriage and birth certificates.

It also allows the waiver of certain statutes and regulations. Hospitals, adult and senior care facilities, home care organizations and other care facilities impacted by the fires can now continue providing services and, if necessary, providing care to patients or residents displaced from other facilities by the fires.

On July 24, the state secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the fire burning in Butte County.

The Fire Management Assistance Grant, which is provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund on cost-share basis, assists local, state and tribal agencies responding to the

fire to apply for 75-percent reimbursement of their eligible fire suppression costs. The program, which is administered through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), provides rapid financial assistance to communities impacted by fires. Already this wildfire season, California secured Fire Management Assistance Grants for the Thompson, French and Hawarden fires that burned a total of nearly 5,000 acres.

On July 25, the Park Fire had burned more than 45,000 acres, forcing evacuations of more than 3,500 people. As of July 29, after press time, the fast-moving fire had burned more than 348,000 acres.

Real-time information, including road closures, evacuation maps and centers, is available at [fire.ca.gov](https://fire.ca.gov).

A video of Newsom's July 27 visit can be downloaded at <https://govca.app.box.com/s/nibao841x4laep-g30c8s4a7az1b1bxui>. ★

# Penny Candy Store Mural Pops

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the use of their pop-up canopies so that Martin and James could paint in the shade.

The Herald caught up with Martin and James as they put the foundation of the art piece down. Martin reminisced, saying she drew the mural's inspiration from childhood memories of visiting the store. She wanted to use bright, fun colors that cried "Candy!"

Brummett and Martin hoped that the mural would be completed by Father's Day but unexpected delays caused the painting to wrap in late July.

The mural itself is a very colorful piece. Upon close inspection, you can see that Martin paid close attention to details, such as the wrapped candies.

The idea of her artwork becoming the new "face" of the Penny Candy Store was a lot for Martin to take in but the teen was grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a part of



Penny Candy Store Owner, Lorrie Brummett, left, smiles with artist Chukaria Martin in front of the completed mural. Photo by Seti Long

the store's iconic history.

"I feel really good about it," said Martin after the completion.

The Herald posed the same question to Brummett, as to Martin, "What do you think?"

"I think it is just amazingly beautiful. It was what I wanted without even knowing what I wanted," said Brummett. ★

"I'm ecstatic!"

Martin hopes to continue her artistic endeavors, and the experience increased her feelings of independence and confidence in her abilities.

The Penny Candy Store is located at 10221 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak, and carries a variety of nostalgia, shaved ice, ice cream and more. ★

# New Box in Live Oak



The City of Live Oak is getting a "New Box" soon, with construction moving rapidly on the first drive-thru fast-food restaurant to come to the city, Jack in the Box. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic

By Seti Long

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Drivers making their way through the city of Live Oak can't help but notice that there is something new going up along the Highway 99 corridor.

Construction has officially begun on a big addition to Live Oak, a Jack in the Box.

Located on Highway 99, just north of the Pennington Road intersection, the Jack in the Box development has the distinction of being the first fast-food drive-thru to find its home in the Live Oak community.

Residents, along with city officials, are excited for the new business.

City of Live Oak Building Director Tom

Davis said that there were a few delays in construction, but that after groundbreaking, the framing is going up quickly.

The construction has progressed far enough now that the public can start to get an idea of how the new restaurant will be situated.

It appears that entrances might be located on the south and eastern sides of the new establishment and the drive-thru on the western side along the highway.

Regardless, the public could be pulling up to the window of a local Jack in the Box in less than three months, with Davis saying that developers have set their completion date for mid-October. ★



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# Public Health Continues to Monitor Shigella Outbreak

## Butte County Public Health News Release

### BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) has received concerns about Shigella transmission at Sycamore Pool, located at the One Mile Recreation area in Chico. Shigella is a type of stomach bug that causes an infection called shigellosis. The Butte County Department of Public Health has no reason to believe that the water at Sycamore Pool is a transmission source for Shigella. However, it's important to note that creeks and streams are untreated water sources and can contain germs, bacteria, viruses, and parasites that cause waterborne illness or infection. Practicing good hygiene after water play such as rinsing off your body with fresh water and washing your hands with soap and water before eating can prevent waterborne illness. People should avoid swallowing water while swimming.

Butte County Department of Public Health continues to monitor and investigate an outbreak of the Shigella bacteria that started in Oroville in May. Since May 21, Butte County Department of Public Health has received reports of 44 lab-confirmed shigella cases associated with this outbreak, with additional under investigation. This outbreak is primarily affecting persons who are experiencing homelessness, with the majority of these cases in Oroville. Shigella spreads easily from person to person, however, the risk to the general public remains low when people practice consistent personal hygiene habits, such as washing hands with soap and water.

Butte County Department of Public Health continues to work with local agencies and organizations to provide education and outreach to people impacted in both the Oroville and Chico areas, including coordination of treatment if needed.

Butte County Department of Public Health has also distributed hand sanitizer and hygiene kits in Oroville and Chico homeless encampments.

Symptoms of Shigella usually start one to five days after exposure and may last up to seven days. Symptoms typically resolve on their own. Most people with shigellosis experience:

Diarrhea that can be bloody or prolonged (lasting more than 3 days)

Fever  
Stomach pain  
Feeling the need to pass stool (poop) even when the bowels are empty

To avoid dehydration, people with diarrhea should drink water or other non-caffeinated/non-alcoholic fluids. People with prolonged or worsening symptoms should contact their healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider may prescribe medicine to treat illness caused by Shigella.

### People at increased risk include:

Children younger than 5 years old  
Travelers to places where water and food may be unsafe and sanitation is poor  
Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men  
People experiencing homelessness  
People who have weakened immune systems

### How is Shigella transmitted?

Shigella spreads easily; swallowing just a small amount of the bacteria can make someone sick. Shigella germs are in fecal matter (poop), so anything that gets contaminated by poop can potentially spread the germs. Shigella can spread from one person to another or through contaminated water, food, surfaces, or objects. Some ways Shigella can get into your mouth are:

Getting Shigella on your hands and touching your mouth. Shigella can get on your hands by:

Touching contaminated surfaces, such as toys, bathroom fixtures, changing tables, and diaper pails.

Changing the diaper of a child with an infection.

Taking care of a person with an infection, including cleaning up after the person uses the toilet.

Eating food prepared by someone with a Shigella infection

Swallowing water that you swim or play in, such as contaminated lake or creek water or improperly treated swimming pool water.

Swallowing contaminated drinking water, such as water from a well contaminated with sewage or flood water.

Exposure to poop during sexual contact with someone with a Shigella infection or who has recently recovered from a Shigella infection.

### How to prevent a Shigella infection?

You can reduce your chance of getting infected by following these tips:

Carefully wash your hands with soap and water during key times:

Before any sexual activity.  
Before preparing food or eating.  
After going to the bathroom, changing a diaper, or cleaning up after someone who went to the bathroom.

Take care when changing diapers.

As soon as you change a diaper, throw it away in a covered, lined garbage can.

Clean up any leaks or spills from the diaper right away.

Wash your hands and the child's hands with soap and water right away.

Avoid swallowing water while swimming.

If you or your partner has been diagnosed with Shigella, do not have sex. To reduce the chance of Shigella spreading, wait at least two weeks after diarrhea ends to have sex.

For more information on Shigella, please visit the CDC's Shigella information website ([www.cdc.gov/shigella/about/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/shigella/about/index.html)). ★

# Council Discusses Meaningful Collaboration in Planning Future Growth

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submitted to the City of Gridley, having been previously approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission and the City of Biggs.

Upon review, the City of Gridley suggested edits to ensure clarity of language around preserving local control over development projects. A revised draft, with additional edits from the Local Agency Formation Commission that appeared to support creating or defending an ultimate "veto power" of special districts, was returned to the City of Gridley.

Attorney Galyean stated "we definitely wish to extend the olive branch of collaboration ... but it's the City of Gridley that is going to decide the conditions under which we approve."

Administrator Arteaga called for a more proactive approach, stating that she does not recommend entering into the letter of agreement as it stands.

"One of the things I would suggest," Arteaga said, "is to do what's called a Development Kickoff Meeting and invite (the districts) to the round table,

have the discussion, prepare a matrix of all the properties and development as it's moving forward that describes the lands, the use designation, the area, and then have the special districts notify us which areas of concern and things that they would like us to address in a round table session."

"This agreement is not going to fix the issues," Arteaga continued. "It's just giving authoritative direction, from the language we see [in this draft] ... it's obvious that there is something to this agreement more than a spirit of collaboration, in verbiage. And so, if you want to have a spirit of collaboration, let's do a kickoff meeting, let's bring everybody to the table, everybody roll up your sleeves and let's figure this out. But it's not going to be (resolved by) an agreement that gives ultimate approval authority to one district."

The council voted unanimously to reject the current drafted letter of agreement from the Local Agency Formation Commission.

The Finance Department presented next, sharing the final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Single Audit, GANN Limit

Report, and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit Report. Finance Director Martin Pineda stated that the city is now fully up to date on their financial audits. Mayor Mike Farr expressed his pride in the Finance Department, stating they are doing good work.

The council approved a resolution to authorize the mayor to sign this year's agreement for services with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Mayor Farr expressed his appreciation to CAL FIRE for the work it is doing to mitigate all the recent fire activity.

Administrator Arteaga discussed and recommended the council to vote in favor of city participation in a 20-year project with Northern California Power Agency and Grace Orchard Energy Center, LLC (PPA). This is a third phase agreement that will allow the City of Gridley to meet the state's requirements for renewable energy use. Arteaga stated there will be a public study session with the Northern California Power Agency in the future to explore the details of this plan. The council approved 5-0. ★

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## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

### Practical QuickBooks for New Users - 4 Weeks, 2 hours per week (Chico)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical to the success of any business. This QuickBooks Series is for entrepreneurs and business owners in the beginning stage of bookkeeping (i.e., planning, have not yet purchased their system, or have purchased but not using). The trainer will guide you through the basics of accounting from identifying the best QuickBooks version for your business, to setting up your system, managing accounts, and using financial reports to manage your day-to-day activities. This 4-weeks, 2 hours per week series includes 4 focus areas:

**Week 1** - August 8: Accounting Basics & Getting Started with QuickBooks

**Week 2** - August 15: Setting up Items and Creating Forms

**Week 3** - August 22: Accounts Receivable

**Week 4** - August 29: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports

**Date:** Thursdays, August 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am

**Cost:** \$50 per person for Entire Series | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### Step-by-Step Guide on How to Buy or Sell a Business (Chico)

Buying or selling a business can be overwhelming and costly if you do not plan ahead. Do you have an Exit Strategy or plan in place to sell your business in the near future, or 1 or 2 years? Have you considered buying a business instead of starting one? This workshop is for business owners looking to sell their businesses as well as people interested in purchasing businesses instead of starting their own. We will guide you through a checklist of requirements for successfully buying or selling a business. Topics will include: How to value your business, the due diligence process, structuring the deal, good and bad timing, what not to do, loan requirements and options, owner carry, and more.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am

**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### The Basics of Bookkeeping (Oroville)

Learn basic concepts for setting up your bookkeeping and develop an understanding of financial statements to better manage your business. Learn and understand common terms used in bookkeeping so you can converse confidently with lenders, financial advisors, and bookkeepers. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** FREE | **Location:** The Barrell Room, 1566 Huntuon St., Oroville

### First Steps to Successfully Open a Restaurant or Food Business (Orland)

If you are a first-time start-up restaurateur, a food entrepreneur looking for help with putting together a road map for successfully opening your business, or a new startup (less than 6 months) this workshop is for you! We will guide you through an overview of organizational strategies and timelines required from concept, to finding a location and working through the permit process up to opening day. Topics include: Organizational Timelines, Strategies and Resources; Business Plan Overview; Investors/Funding Options; Entity Bookkeeper and Accountant; Location/Lease; Permits/Licenses; Opening checklists; and other keys to success.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Drive, Orland

### Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Chico)

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**Date:** Thursday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2024 | **Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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# Oroville Man Held to Answer for Kelly Ridge Murder

## Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man was in Butte County Superior Court on Thursday, July 25, and was held to answer on one count of murder with a special allegation that he used a firearm in the commission of the murder, along with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Joseph Andrew Perkins, 54, of Oroville, was held to answer after sufficient evidence was presented during a preliminary hearing to convince a Butte County Superior Court judge to hold Perkins for trial. The evidence established Perkins killed Richard Allen Kelly, 61, of Chico, with a firearm.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the evidence presented at the preliminary hearing showed Kelly was a longtime friend of Perkins' then-girlfriend. Kelley had taken the girlfriend car shopping early in the afternoon on April 20.

Ramsey said the evidence showed when Kelly and the girlfriend returned later that evening to the Kelly Ridge area home where the girlfriend and Perkins were staying, they were confronted by a gun-wielding, angry Perkins on the street outside of the home. Perkins initially brandished the firearm toward the girlfriend before turning his attention to Kelly.

The girlfriend testified at the July 25 hearing that Perkins physically pulled Kelly from the driver's seat of Kelly's car, pistol-whipped him with the gun, and pointed the gun in Kelly's face. Kelly did not defend himself and tried to reason with Perkins to de-escalate the situation. Perkins's girlfriend testified she also tried to reason with Perkins and, when that failed, started up the

driveway toward the house to call for help.

As the girlfriend walked up the driveway, she said the gun was fired and Kelly went down in the street next to his car. The girlfriend called 9-1-1 and remained on the phone with the 9-1-1 dispatcher until Butte County Sheriff's deputies arrived. Further evidence established that while the girlfriend was on the phone with 9-1-1, Perkins fled the scene in a vehicle belonging to another resident of the Kelly Ridge house.

Testimony was presented at the hearing that a forensic pathologist concluded Kelly was killed by a single gunshot wound to the head. A bullet was recovered from Kelly's head. A ballistics expert from the California Department of Justice Crime Lab in Chico determined the caliber of the bullet, which was consistent with a gun Perkins had.

Ramsey said other witnesses at the hearing testified that Perkins fled to the Forbestown area of Butte County after the shooting. The following evening, a relative, at the request of Perkins, picked up Perkins in the Forbestown area and drove him throughout Yuba and Nevada counties so that Perkins could dispose of the gun, the expended shell casing, and other shells from the gun.

Perkins was subsequently arrested by Butte County Sheriff's deputies in Stockton on April 26.

In addition to the murder and firearm charges, it is charged that Perkins has two prior "strike" convictions and eight total felony convictions.

Perkins remains in the custody of the Butte County Jail on a no-bail hold. Perkins will next appear in Butte County Superior Court on Aug. 22 at 8:30 a.m. for the setting of his jury trial date. He faces life imprisonment in state prison. ★

# Two Individuals Arrested for Entering Park Fire Evacuation Zone

**Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On July 29, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies were dispatched to a report of possible looters in the area of Sycamore Valley Road in Chico. Deputies located a truck and three individuals parked at a roadblock near the intersection of Sycamore Valley Road and Cohasset Road. The roadblock was preventing individuals from entering Cohasset, under an

evacuation order because of the Park Fire. Deputies determined that two females exited the truck and ran into the area under the evacuation order. Deputies located two females approximately half a mile away from the truck in the area under the evacuation order. The females were identified as Delmara Apel, 41, of Cohasset and Amy Jackson, 43, of Chico.

Deputies said they located evidence that showed Apel and Jackson purposely entered an area they knew was under an evacuation order. Jackson was located at

the bottom of a hill and refused to walk up the hill, according to the Sheriff's Office, and deputies detained Jackson. Both Jackson and Apel were placed under arrest and transported to the Butte County Sheriff's Office Jail.

Upon arrival at the jail, Apel and Jackson were searched. To combat contraband and illegal drugs from being smuggled into the Butte County Sheriff's Office Jail, and to promote inmates' safety, a body scanner, similar to those seen in airports, was installed in the jail

booking area in 2022. The body scanner enables correctional staff to detect contraband, including illegal drugs concealed on individuals.

When Apel was placed in the body scanner, a bag of methamphetamine and glass pipe were discovered hidden on Apel's person, according to the Sheriff's Office. Both Apel and Jackson were booked for unlawfully entering an area under an evacuation order. Apel was also booked for a felony count of smuggling methamphetamine into the Butte County Jail. ★

# Regional Child Support Agency Marks Child Support Awareness Month

**County of Colusa News Release**

**COLUSA, CA (MPG)** - This August, the Colusa Sutter Yolo Regional Child Support Agency joins the State of California, and counties statewide in commemorating Child Support Awareness Month. During this month, the agency acknowledges the collective dedication of coparents to provide secure shelter and safety for their children, underscoring the agency and its team's crucial role in offering essential solutions and assistance. Established in 2021 to streamline services

across Colusa, Sutter, and Yolo counties, the Colusa Sutter Yolo Regional Child Support Agency has become an essential resource for families. The agency's services are available to fathers, mothers, and legal guardians. With a professional and supportive team managing almost 10,000 cases and serving close to 9,000 children throughout the region, the agency is continually working toward its mission of promoting self-sufficiency and the well-being of children by establishing parentage and ensuring financial support.

The agency's comprehensive services

include working to ensure payments are fair for both parents, assistance in securing children's health insurance, impartial record-keeping, avenues to navigate legal processes and options to avoid court. Recognizing the critical importance of accessible support for all co-parents, regardless of income or circumstance, the agency aims to empower families across communities.

For further details on services or enrollment, visit [www.ColusaSutterYoloChildSupport.org](http://www.ColusaSutterYoloChildSupport.org). Connect with the agency via social media:

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During Child Support Awareness Month, the agency reaffirms its commitment to equipping families with the necessary resources to safeguard the well-being of their children. For inquiries, please contact (866) 901-3212.

Together, the agency endeavors to foster positive impacts in the lives of children and families across the region. ★

# LaMalfa Makes Statement on Resignation of Kimberly Cheatle

**Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa Press Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement after the resignation of Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle.

Calls for Cheatle's resignation have been constant since the attempt on Former

President Trump's life in Butler, PA on July 13. The decisions made by the US Secret Service at the direction of Cheatle enabled a shooter to target and injure President Trump. Multiple reports of a threat were made prior to his appearance, and the shooter had been identified as a person of interest more than an hour before the shots were fired.

The Secret Services' inability to act on known threats and their delayed response when the shooter was clearly identified demonstrate a catastrophic lapse in judgement and protocol. This breach of duty not only endangered President Trump, but also undermined public trust in their ability to protect these nations leaders.

At the House Oversight

Committee hearing, Cheatle avoided giving definitive answers regarding the Secret Service's failures. Her inability to provide clear explanations for the significant lapses in security and the decisions that allowed the shooter to operate unchallenged raised further concerns about her leadership, and her resignation was necessary.

LaMalfa said: "Kimberly

Cheatle's resignation is only the first step. Accountability starts at the top, but it doesn't end there. Monday's hearing provided zero answers to the American public. There needs to be a thorough investigation, with accountability and consequences at every level of the chain of command. The time for clarity is now, a vague report two months from now is not going to cut it." ★

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE

In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of BARBARA RAMSEY,

Conservatee.  
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/7/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: SUSAN R MITZEL, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 2/16/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-0005267, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 10/2/2024 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: Main Entrance, Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$419,950.73 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1660 HAZEL STREET GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA 95948-2314 Described as follows: As more fully described on

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE

In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, Conservatee.

CASE NO. 21PR00316  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, on August 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, the undersigned, as conservator of the person and estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all right, title and interest of conservatee and subsequently all right, title and interest of the estate in real property thereon located in the County of Butte, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

A lot located at 1459 Freestone Court, Paradise, California, 95969, previously contained a family residence prior to the Camp Fire in 2018. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: AP#: 053-131-077-000

All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows: LOT 6 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "FREESTONE SUBDIVISION", WHICH MAP WAS FILED

IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON MARH 27, 1001,

IN BOOK 122 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 38 AND 30

The sale is subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, any encumbrances of record to be satisfied out of the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except as to title.

The conservator of the estate has an exclusive listing with Re/Max Home and Investment. Interested parties may contact Sandie Patton, Broker Associate at (530) 774-4340.

The terms and conditions of the sale are: cash sale, taxes, rents, operating, and maintenance expenses, premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be pro-rated as the date of confirmation of sale. Escrow charges, examination of title, recording of conveyance, any title insurance policy shall be paid 1/2 by Buyer and 1/2 by Seller.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of an order confirming the sale. SHELBY BOSTON, Public Guardian Published 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 2024 Gridley Herald 8-16-24

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**  
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EMILIO LOUIS VALENZUELA CASE NO. 24PR00286

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Emilio Luis Valenzuela. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Alanna Valenzuela, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Alanna Valenzuela be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice to Contractors is hereby given.

The City of Gridley ("City") will receive sealed envelope bids only for the **State Route 99 Waterline Relocation Project** at City Hall of the City of Gridley, 685 Kentucky St., Gridley, California, 95948 until **2:00 p.m., August 20, 2024**. At which time or thereafter said bids may be read aloud. Bids shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening date.

The work shall consist of the following: Removing the existing 10" asbestos concrete waterline and installing new 12" C-900 PVC pipe for approximately 1,330 linear feet and lowering an existing 10" C-900 pipe segment. The project also includes removal of existing hydrants, installation of new hydrants, and water service line reconnections. The project will occur along the State Route 99 corridor within the City Limits.

The City of Gridley will issue a Notice to Award within thirty (30) calendar days after the opening of Proposals. Work shall be completed within ninety (90) calendar days after issuance of the Notice to Proceed by the City.

**The contractor is to carefully examine the site of the proposed work and is to make his or her own determination of the scope of the work to be performed, and he or she is to carefully examine all Contract Documents. No Prebid meeting will be held.**

**BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:** No proposal will be accepted unless it is made on a Proposal forms furnished by the City of Gridley within these Specifications. **To ensure consideration, the Proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked BID PROPOSAL which also bears the name of the project and the date and time set for opening of Proposals:**

**BID PROPOSAL**  
City of Gridley  
State Route 99 – Waterline Relocation Project  
August 20, 2024, 2:00 pm

No Proposal will be accepted from a contractor who is not currently licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the Business and Professions Code. Subcontractors shall also be licensed as required by said code.

Contractor shall obtain a Business License from the City of Biggs prior to commencing any work within the City Limits of the City of Biggs.

Bidding requirements, bid forms, plans and specifications for this project can be obtained at the City website <http://gridley.ca.us/our-community/public-notices/> or the Valley Contractors Exchange website [vceonline.com](http://vceonline.com).

The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$920,000.

Please direct any bidding questions to Dave Harden, at [dharden@ben-en.com](mailto:dharden@ben-en.com) no later than seven (7) calendar days before bid opening.

The Gridley Herald 8-2, 8-9-2024



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# Can't Find a Doctor? California Bill Would Punish Insurers for Giving Customers Outdated Info

By Ryan Sabalow  
CALMatters.org

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Over the years, licensed therapist Sarah Soroken has heard from her patients again and again about what a miserable experience it can be to find a mental health provider who actually takes their insurance. But one patient stands out.

Soroken said she was working at Kaiser's Vallejo Medical Center in 2022 when a college-aged woman was admitted to the hospital's emergency room after she attempted suicide.

The patient, Soroken said, gave up and tried to take her own life after she called a list of 50 mental-health providers who were listed as taking Kaiser's insurance plan, but none would see her, or they didn't actually take her insurance.

"This patient now has the traumas of a suicide attempt and having been harmed by our health care system to add to their treatment needs," Soroken told the Senate Health Committee earlier this month.

Soroken, who no longer works for Kaiser, testified in support of Assemblymember Chris Holden's Assembly Bill 236. The legislation from the Pasadena Democrat would give state regulators authority to fine insurers if their lists of in-network doctors, hospitals, mental health workers, labs and imaging centers aren't up-to-date and accurate.

The bill tackling what are disparagingly called "ghost networks" has so far passed the Assembly and the Senate Health Committees with only Republicans in opposition, and despite the lobbying powerhouses representing California doctors and insurers fighting the

bill every step of the way. Doctors and insurers blame each other for problems in the directories, but they argue the bill is unnecessary, burdensome on them and that laws on the books already address the problem.

Combined, the groups have given at least \$4.7 million to California legislators since 2015, according to the Digital Democracy database.

## State health agency cites huge costs

Along with opposition from influential lobbyists for doctors and insurers, the measure also received a lukewarm response from the state agency that would enforce the bill if it becomes law.

As the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom sought to address a \$30 billion budget deficit this year, the Department of Managed Health Care estimated that the bill would cost \$12 million to bring on "additional staff." According to the bill's analysis, the new employees are needed to develop regulations, forms and to monitor "provider directory accuracy."

The estimate of \$12 million is the equivalent of 80 employees each making \$150,000 a year - figures that could alarm Newsom's budget team and the lawmakers who dole out cash to state agencies on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where the bill will be considered in the coming weeks.

The department didn't respond to CalMatters' request to explain its estimate. In a one-paragraph emailed statement, Kevin Durawa, a department spokesperson, said the estimate may be out of date since the bill was recently amended.

"The department is



The California Medical Association, representing the state's physicians, is fighting a bill that would fine insurers for having inaccurate provider networks that lead to confusing doctor referrals. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

reviewing the amendments to the bill and how they may impact the fiscal estimate," Durawa said.

Ken Cooley, a former Democratic Assembly member from Sacramento County who sat on the Assembly Insurance Committee, said he wouldn't be surprised that the department analyzed the bill "with a vengeance" to possibly overestimate the costs.

"If they don't like it, if they think it's the wrong priority, whatever it is, they would be remiss if they didn't try to lay out every argument," he said.

But Cooley said solving the problem of inaccurate provider lists is worth fighting for.

"I'm not familiar with the specific bill, but I certainly understand what it means to be a consumer of health care," he said. "And having accurate lists is actually pretty damn vital to the wellbeing of people."

## Why 'ghost networks' are a problem

Holden, the bill's author,

didn't respond to multiple interview requests. He told the Senate Health Committee that a law on the books since 2015 requires insurers to maintain accurate directories of providers in their networks, but they haven't been doing it, leading to "rampant directory inaccuracies."

His office told legislators that recent studies found that some smaller health plans have inaccuracy rates as high as 80%, and some major plans have inaccurate information for 20% to 38% of providers.

Holden's bill would require an insurer's provider directory to be at least 60% accurate by this time next year and 95% accurate by July 1, 2028. The insurers would face fines up to \$10,000 for every 1,000 enrolled customers each year if they didn't hit the benchmarks. Kaiser, for instance, says it provides care to 9.4 million Californians.

The bill also says patients who mistakenly

use an out-of-network doctor due to inaccurate information from provider lists cannot be charged out-of-network rates.

## Doctors and insurers oppose the bill

At the Senate Health Committee earlier this month, the insurers weren't thrilled with the proposal. They blamed doctors for the inaccuracies in their provider lists.

"The accuracy of each individual provider directory is reliant upon practitioners and medical groups maintaining accurate records," Jedd Hampton, a lobbyist for the California Association of Health Plans, told the committee.

The California Medical Association, representing the state's physicians, argues that insurers - not doctors - are the ones responsible for maintaining their directories and ensuring they're up-to-date. Doctors fear that if insurers are fined, the costs could be passed to them. They're also concerned about losing out-of-network

payments due to inaccurate lists provided by insurers.

The group's lobbyist, Brandon Marchy, said those requirements would absolve health plans "of their requirement to maintain accurate directories ... by paying not what an out-of-network rate would be."

Soroken, the therapist who saw the suicidal Kaiser patient, said that Californians pay their insurers and health care providers well. They deserve to have accurate, up-to-date lists of those who'll take their insurance, she said, especially when they're at their most vulnerable.

"We would be negligent if we didn't do everything in our power to ensure patients get the health care they need ... and are legally entitled to," she said.

Kaiser hasn't taken position on the bill, and a spokesperson declined to address Soroken's testimony about her suicidal patient.

The Oakland-based health care giant is already under scrutiny because of patient complaints about delays in obtaining mental health care. Last year, it agreed to pay a \$200 million settlement to resolve a state investigation into its behavioral health system. In 2022, about 2,000 of its mental health workers went on strike over high caseloads and what they described as unreasonable working conditions.

"We at Kaiser Permanente are working hard to ensure that we are meeting the mental health care needs of our members and our communities," Kaiser spokesperson Kerri Leedy said in an email. "Over the past several years, we have increased our staffing and facilities to help meet the growing need." ★

# CAL FIRE Investigators Arrest Man for a Fire in Concow

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, firefighters were dispatched to a vegetation fire near the old Rock House restaurant on Highway 70 and Timtam Lane in Concow. The fire was contained to a 50 by 70 foot area of

vegetation and a vehicle with burn damage.

A CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officer conducted an investigation of the origin and cause of the fire. During the investigation, the officer contacted 64-year-old Douglas Allen Rowell. After interviewing Rowell, he was arrested for violating Penal Code 451(c), arson to forestland, and booked into Butte County Jail.

If you have any information about this fire, or any other suspicious fires, please contact the CAL FIRE/ Butte County Fire Prevention Bureau at 530-538-7888 or the Statewide Arson Hotline at 800-468-4408.

For fire safety tips and information about defensible space and home hardening, visit [bereadybutte.com](http://bereadybutte.com) and [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org). ★

# SPARKY'S CORNER

## Helmets

On average 700 people die every year from bicycle accidents, while nearly 500,000 more people went to the emergency room. 90% of the people killed in bicycle accidents were not wearing a helmet. While helmets alone probably couldn't have saved everyone, if they could have saved only half those not wearing helmets, that's 315 people who could have lived.

A little over 4,000 people die from motorcycle accidents each year. While a little over 50% of motorcycle fatalities were wearing helmets, estimating that helmets could save the lives of only half those killed not wearing them that's 1,000 people killed who could have lived. All-terrain vehicles, or ATVs, are similar to motorcycles in that only about 50% of fatalities were wearing helmets.

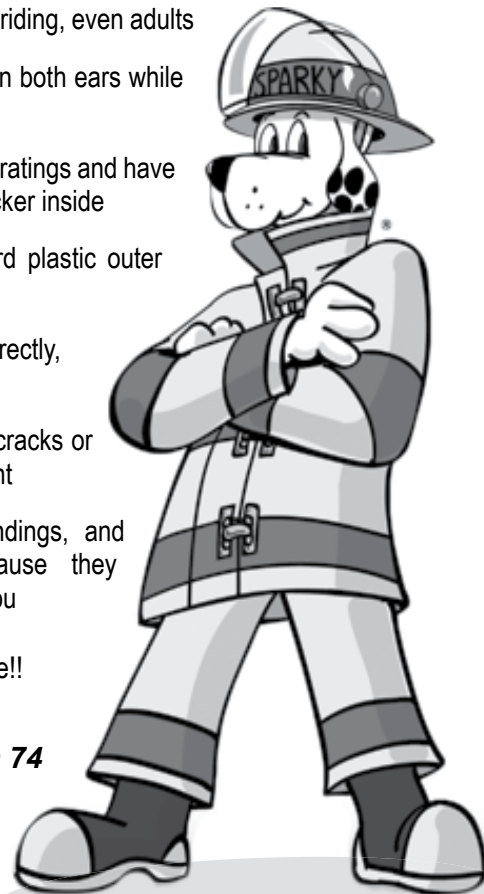
## CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department

Would Like To Offer These Helpful Tips For Safe Riding:

- Always wear a helmet when riding, even adults
- Don't listen to headphones in both ears while riding
- Ensure helmets meet safety ratings and have a CPSC, ASTM, or Snell sticker inside
- Helmets should have a hard plastic outer shell
- Make sure your helmet fits correctly, if not replace
- Replace helmets that have cracks or were worn during an accident
- Be aware of your surroundings, and others around you, because they probably are not aware of you

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog  
Gridley Fire Station 74



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# State Auditor Tells Legislature: Increase Penalties for Repeat Shoplifters

Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On the morning of July 25, the State Auditor recommended that the Legislature should increase penalties on repeat thieves.

The audit found that for serial shoplifters – those who have committed theft four or more times – the rate of recidivism has jumped 14% since Prop. 47 made it easier to break the law. Law enforcement told auditors this was the pattern they were seeing firsthand as well.

In order to deal with repeat thieves, the auditor’s office called on the Legislature to increase penalties for shoplifters with at least four convictions.

Assembly Republicans have pushed for increased penalties and solutions to the retail theft crisis but have been consistently met with resistance from out of touch Democrat leadership.

This summer, Democrats tried to sabotage a ballot initiative to increase penalties for shoplifting by adding poison pills to a package of bipartisan retail theft bills.

Democrats only removed the poison pills and allowed a fair vote on the initiative after public outcry and consistent pressure from Republicans and the press.

Without consequences for serial thieves, the problem will only get worse. Republicans have been sounding this alarm for years – and the State Auditor seems to agree. ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

Just what is the church? Well, technically. “It is a hospital for the broken and needy.” It is not a resort for accumulated treasure, and lavish living. It is made up of people searching for a better way of life and a fellowship with others who believe in life after death. Yes! Eternity!

The church is for the healing of hearts, minds, and bodies created by sinful living and bad decisions. It offers strength failing faith and crashing courage.

In it and through it we are to glorify the Lord and Creator.

The church established by Jesus through God, with the disciples is made of many parts. The parts are workers, healers, disciples, apostles, teachers, cleaners, decorators, and prayers just to name a few. Not one person or part is more important than the other one. Just like the body needs a mind and heart, and many other parts to survive so does the church.

Because we are to love our Lord with all our heart, mind, and soul each person is necessary for the church’s survival. The preacher brings the Word, and the congregation absorbs its strength and peace. Then through works of faith spreads the voice of the Lord, the Word!

A church may have a building, a zip code, and an address that all can recognize and look up in the directory. However, it spreads all over the community. Through its collective energy of its people. One by one, the congregation brings the church to life. Each part is equally important.

When the disciples first started preaching the Way, they used homes, hillsides, even boats as a foundation or home base. Some spread

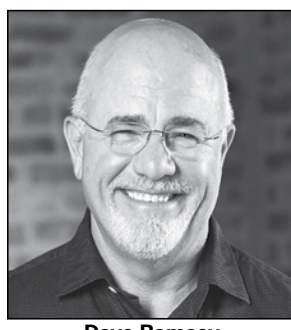
the word while they were in prison. On the day of Pentecost joined the group in an outdoor setting. As they walked the dusty roads of Judea they left the gift of love and salvation to all who would listen. Thus, the church grew.

Being a member of the church makes stronger, and closer to the living God. As God reminds us He will never leave us. He’s always by our sides ready to help. If you need a church home, don’t be afraid to seek out your home base. There is no better family than that of Jesus Christ.

*You are welcome to visit us at the Gridley United Methodist Church to see if we will work as your home base in our community. We meet on Sundays at 11 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.* ★



The United Methodist Church



Dave Ramsey

# Dave Ramsey Says Right Heart, Wrong Actions

Dear Dave,

I’m beginning to feel some bitterness and resentment towards my parents for their recent decisions and financial irresponsibility. Fifteen years ago, while I was still in school, they left good-paying jobs to enter the ministry. They both took pay cuts when they made this decision, and they’ve been regularly asking for money for living expenses from my husband and I ever since. Sometimes, they even try to make us feel guilty if we can’t give them the amount they ask for. My mom, especially, constantly brings up their call to the ministry, adding that we should want to help them. We believe in their calling, but we also feel they knew they would have to live on less money, and they’re being irresponsible with the money they make. What should we do?

– Abigail  
Dear Abigail  
What I’m hearing is giv-

ing money to your parents isn’t necessarily a financial hardship for you and your husband, but that by consistently giving or loaning your parents money you’re losing respect for them. This is not a healthy situation. Your relationship has become strained, and that’s a tough thing for anyone to deal with—especially in a parent-child scenario.

Make no mistake, going into the ministry with the right heart is an admirable thing. However, in the Bible, Paul made tents while he conducted his ministry. I’m paraphrasing, of course, but his line was to the effect of, “If you don’t work, you don’t eat.” He had a job. So, I don’t think suggesting your folks think about working outside the ministry while trying to do God’s work is unfair in a situation like this.

I’m sure your mom is a good person, but no one should do this to their child. On top of it all, she sounds like a travel agent for guilt trips—like she’s working you over while implying it’s all really for God. That’s not only toxic, it’s just plain wrong.

It’s going to be hard to

unravel it all and turn this into a respectable situation where they’re not constantly asking for money, and you’re not feeling pressure and falling victim to the guilty feelings that enable this behavior. I hope all of you will consider sitting down with a reasonable, objective third party and talking things through. I also hope you’ll take some time to read a book called Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud. It will open your eyes to a few things.

God bless you and your family, Abigail.  
– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author; personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.* ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The trees planted by birds are getting the upper hand in the front garden. I now have one pomegranate tree, three magnolia trees, many pecan trees, many oak trees and a lot of baby hedge plants from my neighbor’s hedge. Oh yes and a thriving palm tree. I’ve been down with a weired out back and mother nature is taking

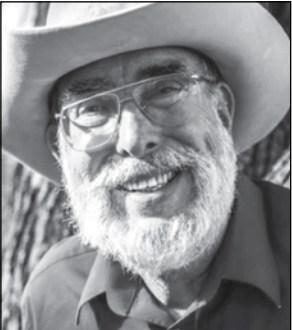
over. I’m hiring someone to help me in a week or so. I think I will keep the pomegranate once it is dug up. That is great bonsai material. Getting rid of all the others. I was imagining what the yard would look like if all this continues. It would be a forest.

I will rein this wildness in and get it back to the normal overgrown look. Some people are not noticing because it is so busy normally. Other plants are also too big and rangy. They will get trimmed and made a bit more civilized. I’ve never hired people to work in the yard until I hired this great worker that did the weeding of my husband’s vege garden while

he was down. I am going to hire this person more than once that is for sure. I’m thinking of having the worker here at least once a month. Maybe more. I’ve started physical therapy so maybe I’ll be back to getting all this done on my own. Then again, I might love having someone do the various tasks that I don’t appreciate. We’ll see how far this new way of work goes.

The way this summer is going you could plant green beans for a second crop right now. Maybe fresh summer squash if your plants are stretching out all over the garden. Soon it will be time to get going on planting the fall garden. Hard to believe but true. ★

# Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

## Always Looking for More

along the banks – the banks where the dust rises. Rises, powdery clomp by clomp as we walk – walk the shady way.

Ours is the blessing of challenge, to live, to thrive in the heat. But bring us the clouds, the black bellied clouds, the clouds that softly hold the heads of gods in their moistening grasp. Let them come, with their silver tops and their bellies black as night and cool as forgiveness.

The summer clouds, the clouds that define our culture, our art, our summer, our hot, heavy summer. Let the magic come and stay, stay for a while, at least for

a while, and wet us down, all the way down. Fill our pores, smooth our skin, wash us free of dirt and sin, with the rain, the cleansing blessed rain.

A rain, a storm, a suddenness of life and blast and sweet charity designed to keep us living here, here in the rain, here in the sun, and keep us praying, here in the rain, and looking toward the west for more, always to the west, always looking for more.

*Brought to you by Slim’s latest book, Whimsy Castle, now available at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble and your local bookstore.* ★



### Study: Farmers’ use of higher-risk pesticides declining in California

California farmers’ use of higher-risk pesticides is on the decline, a new study shows. The state’s agricultural pesticide use dropped in both pounds applied and acres treated between 2021 and 2022, with the 5% overall decline reflecting a decade-long trend, according to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation’s annual pesticide use report this month. As pesticide use has dropped over a decade, the report noted, California has seen a 77% decrease in groundwater contaminants and a 21% drop in toxic air contaminants.

### Judge Temporarily Halts State Groundwater Enforcement in Kings County

A judge has temporarily blocked state enforcement actions affecting Kings County growers who faced potential state groundwater extraction fees and an order to install water meters to report annual pumping. The California State Water Resources Control Board on April 16 placed the Tulare Lake Subbasin on probation for failing to correct deficiencies in a regional plan to protect groundwater supplies. Kings County Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini issued a temporary restraining order halting state water board orders. A hearing is set for Aug. 20.

### Farmers Turn to Soil Sensors to Guide Irrigation Decisions

Water conservation agencies and University of California Cooperative Extension farm advisors are advocating adding soil-moisture sensors to create precision irrigation management in drought-prone California agricultural areas. They say the technology has come a long way in the past 50 years and continues to evolve with Wi-Fi connectivity and digital readings. Currently, the Ventura County Resource Conservation District is making the technology available for regional avocado, strawberry and vegetable growers under a state grant program.


### California Growers Applaud Decision to Continue Tariffs on Spanish Olives


U.S. antidumping and countervailing duties on Spanish ripe olives will remain in place, the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined. In a five-year review, the commission voted unanimously last week to keep the tariffs, first imposed in 2018. It said revoking them would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. California table olive growers praised the vote. For years, they have argued that Spain’s highly subsidized olives are sold into the U.S. at artificially low prices, flooding the U.S. market and undercutting domestic producer. ★

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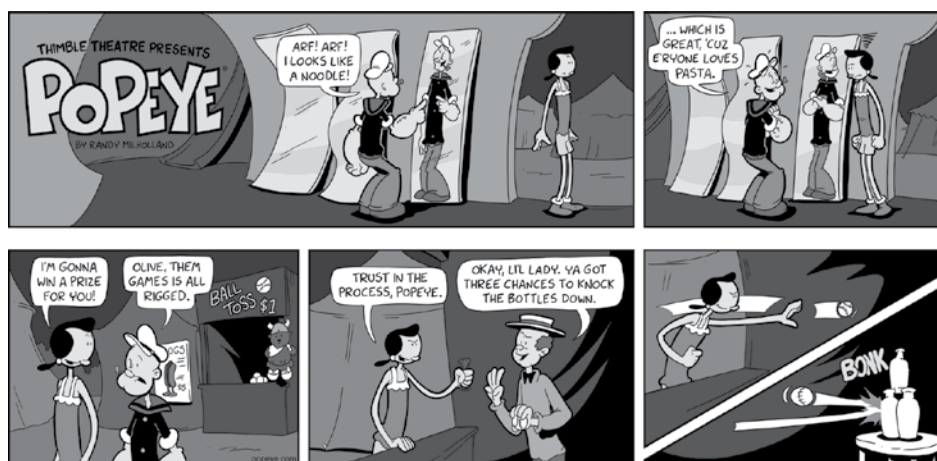
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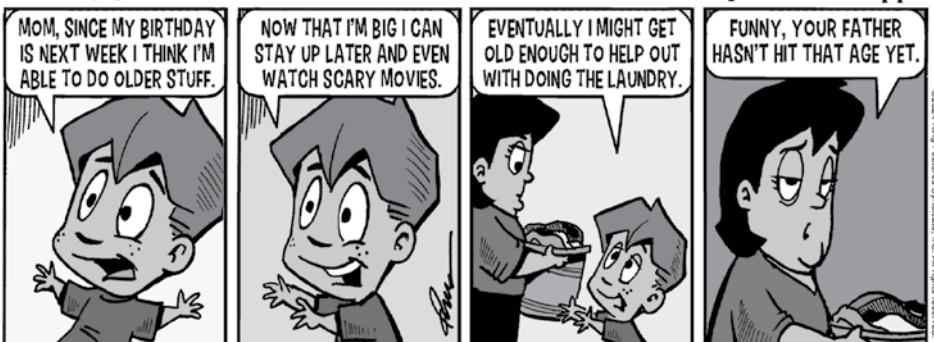
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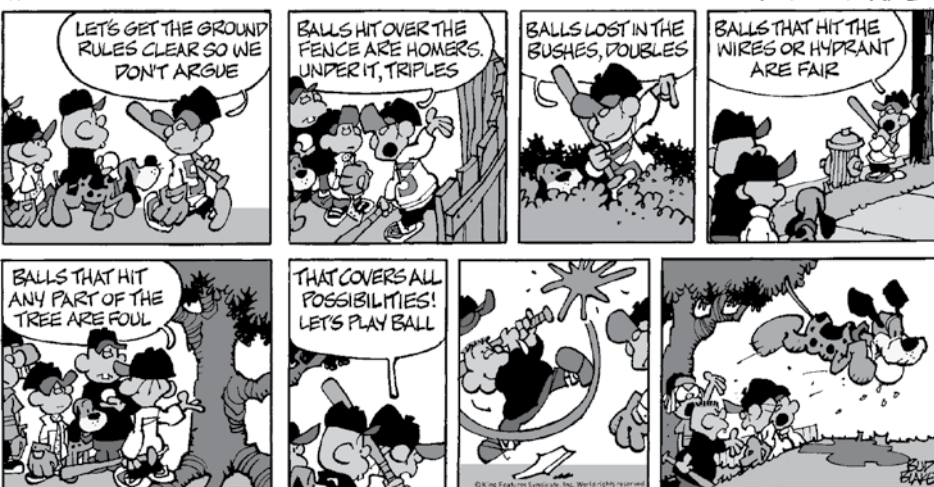
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by BUD BLAKE



## GRIN & BEAR IT



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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- CLUES**
- ACROSS**
- Genoa or storm jib
  - Pouch
  - Support for #1 Across
  - Gaelic language
  - Big-ticket
  - Flowerbed cover
  - Western Samoan money
  - Agrippina's slayer
  - Literature class homework
  - \*"The Curious Case of \_\_\_ Button"
  - God of thunder
  - Tight or rigid
  - Blunder
  - \* \_\_\_ control
  - \*Alarm clock delay
  - Edible tuber
  - Racecourses
  - Crew propellers
  - Often follows dark or back
  - \_\_\_-Town, or Chicago
  - Friend, south of the border
  - Singular of #25 Down
  - Containing uranium
  - Rip off
  - Sleeping sickness vector
  - Che Guevara's hat, pl.
  - Roman road
  - "And Then \_\_\_ Were None"
  - Hillside, in Scotland
  - \*Home ringer
  - Raccoon's South American cousin
  - Debate side
  - Spring in a mattress
  - Ar, atomic number 18
  - Black-tie occasion
  - Golfer's aim
  - Group with pressure
  - Stallone
  - Semiprecious variety of agate
- DOWN**
- Collector's goal
  - Kuwaiti, e.g.
  - \_\_\_ of Man
  - Shanty
  - Flower trunks
  - American Eagle's intimates brand
  - "Oh \_\_\_"
  - \*Edible button
  - "The Sun \_\_\_ Rises"
  - "The Lion King" villain
  - Olden day "your"
  - More asinine
  - City area
  - Bulwark
  - Ems follower
  - Aimless walk
  - "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.
  - Pall \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ of America
  - Largest organ of human body
  - Mobutu Sese Seko's nation
  - Cereal killer
  - Land measure
  - \_\_\_-cha-cha
  - Wails
  - \*Tall building people-mover
  - Of sour taste
  - All 50 states
  - Spanish airline
  - Make a logical connection (2 words)
  - Repeat an echo
  - Opposite of atonal
  - In a heated manner
  - Dull one
  - Angry display
  - Entertainingly eccentric people, Down Under
  - "On Golden Pond" bird
  - \_\_\_ of the valley
  - \*A baseball one has a button on top
  - Lexington airport code

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# Gridley and Biggs Grow in Latest 7v7 Matchups



Gridley 2026 defensive back Eli Punzo snags an interception during the 7v7 game held on Friday, July 26.



Gridley 2025 quarterback Gus Stogsdill passes during the 7v7 match on Friday, July 26.

**Story and photos by Steven Bryla**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The final month of summer vacation began, and that means that Friday Night Lights will consume the area for the 2024 prep football season.

The Gridley Bulldogs hosted a four-team 7v7 matchup with Pierce, Oroville and Biggs on Friday, July 26.

The purpose of 7v7 is for skills-based positions to develop better passing, catching and defensive work.

Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt expressed to the Herald that it was a great way to build team chemistry.

“It gives the players an opportunity to compete at a higher level than they would at a normal practice,” Zumwalt said.

Both Gridley and Biggs had great stints throughout the one-hour, 30-minute session, where you saw deep-ball touchdowns tossed and plenty

of great defensive plays, including climbing the ladder and snagging high-light-caliber interceptions.

Zumwalt told the Herald that he and his coaching staff were going to break down the film from the matches for basic fundamentals and route running prior to the beginning of the season.

He added that it also gives the staff the opportunity to evaluate individual players prior to moving on with practices.

Biggs head coach Brian Harrison expressed to the Herald that there is a lot of work to get done still, and they will start with the basic fundamentals, but he is excited to get the new season going.

Gridley is scheduled to hit the road for their first game of the season on Friday, August 30, against University Prep of Redding, while Biggs is scheduled to travel to Palo Cedro to play their season opener on Friday, September 6, at Redding Christian. ★



Biggs 2025 receiver Solomon Melendez catches a ball during the 7v7 circuit on Friday, July 26, at Gridley.



Biggs 2026 quarterback Skyler Long throws a pass on Friday, July 26, at the 7v7 match at Gridley.



Biggs 2027 receiver Edwin Vera attempts to catch a pass during the 7v7 event at Gridley on Friday, July 26.

# Drakes Hit Road for First Round of Pecos League Playoffs

**By Steven Bryla**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Drakes started the first round of the Pecos League playoffs on Monday, July 23, as they played the San Rafael Pacifics for a best-of-three series.

Marysville was the third seed in the Pacific Division and clinched their first playoff berth in the team’s second year of expansion in the Pecos League.

The series against San Rafael, who were the 2023 Pecos League Champions, were all road games. The Drakes were 3-5 on the road during the season against the Pacifics, but won in their final two trips to San Rafael during the last couple weeks of the season, and took three out of the last four games against them.

Marysville clinched their playoff spot in a road victory against the Pacifics on Tuesday, July 23, in an extra-inning victory. Both teams met the following night on Wednesday, July 24, at Bryant Field where Drakes’ pitcher Jayden Drake threw his second complete-game shutout of the season.

Marysville outfielder Joe Starick brought in the game’s only run with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth to send San Rafael into second place of the

Pacific Division standings.

The Drakes’ dropped their final regular season meeting against the Bakersfield Train Robbers on Friday, July 26.

Marysville hosted their final regular season game on Saturday, July 27, against the Dublin Leprechauns, where they had a great crowd supporting them at Bryant Field as it was also fan appreciation night.

The Drakes got a strong start from pitcher Sergio Patsy as he tossed five innings and gave up two hits and one run. The Marysville bullpen pitched five more innings where they gave up one run and four hits, including Drake.

Drake got the final out of the inning as he picked off a pinch runner at first base as he attempted to steal second, but the Drakes’ first baseman Anders Green got the base runner into a rundown towards second as he tossed the ball to Marysville shortstop Jumpei Ohashi to lay the tag for the out.

The Drakes walked it off in the bottom of the 10th as third baseman Micah Walker hit a runs-batted-in (RBI) single to right center for the win.

It was Walker’s night at the plate as he drove in all of Marysville’s three runs and had three hits. Walker was mobbed at

first base by his teammates as he touched first, and they drenched him in a celebration with water all along the baseline to second base.

“The pitcher threw a lot of sliders to the previous batter, so I went up looking for a slider,” Walker said.

Walker added that the entire environment of the Yuba-Sutter area has been a great experience.

Drakes’ manager Bill Rogan expressed to the Dispatch that Walker’s hitting has improved throughout the last week as he has been more comfortable playing third base.

Walker had a low .200 batting average entering the final week of the season and Rogan said his confidence was getting better daily.

The Marysville defense has improved and decreased their errors in the last couple weeks, and Rogan told the Dispatch that has been a big difference in their games.

Ohashi has made stellar plays at shortstop since taking over for former Drakes’ player Josh Leslie, who was called up to the Oakland Ballers of the Pioneer League earlier in July.

Ohashi told the Dispatch that Leslie was a big help to fine tuning his defense during their time as teammates.

“Josh told me to just be



Marysville outfielder Joe Starick (44) launches a sacrifice fly run-batted-in (RBI) for the lone run in the game during the Drakes’ victory against San Rafael on Wednesday, July 24. Photo by Steven Bryla

confident in every ground ball,” Ohashi said.

Ohashi added that moving forward in the playoffs they need to be 100% locked in defensively.

Ohashi said he appreciates everything the James family, who has been his host family throughout his time as a part of Marysville this summer, has done for him and thanked them.

On top of it being the final regular season home game for the Drakes, Marysville infielder Declan Peterson could have experienced his final game at Bryant Field.

Peterson told the Dispatch prior to the game against Dublin on July 27 that this will be his final season in the Pecos League as he plans to hang up his cleats.

The four-year veteran has spent the last two seasons in Marysville

and said it has been one of the best places to play in the Pecos League with a full experience.

Peterson said he plans to go home to Illinois and continue his education towards a master’s degree.

The Drakes lost the regular season finale 12-8 on Sunday, July 28, at Dublin to close out the season with a record of 29-25.

Rogan told the Dispatch that his offense needs to improve if they are going to be successful in the playoff series against San Rafael.

“We’re confident in our pitching and our defense,” Rogan said.

If Marysville was successful in beating the Pacifics in the first round of the playoffs, they would have started the Pacific Division finals on Thursday, August 1, against the winner of Bakersfield/Vallejo. ★

# Sutter Alumnus Signs with Astros

**Story and photo by Steven Bryla**

**SUTTER, CA (MPG)** - Sutter 2024 pitcher Jagger Beck’s big league dream came true as he signed with a Major League Baseball team on Thursday, July 26.

Beck signed with the Houston Astros as an undrafted free agent to a six-year contract.

The 2024 MLB Draft was held July 14 through 16 where 615 baseball players were selected in the 20-round draft across the 30-team league. The draft was previously 40 rounds up until 2021 before the 2022 Collective Bargaining

Agreement (CBA) ratified the draft to 20 rounds.

Beck signed his national letter of intent (NLI) to play baseball for the University of Hawai’i at Manoa in November 2023.

Although players may not get the call to be drafted, they can still sign with MLB clubs as undrafted for their first professional contract.

Beck told the Dispatch that signing with Houston was the best decision for him to move forward with his baseball career, and he said since he had the opportunity to sign now, he took the opportunity.

He added that he signed with the Astros because they were the most

loyal throughout his senior season at Sutter this past spring.

“They came to all of my starts, and when I got sick, they (Houston) stayed with me the entire time,” Beck said.

Beck had an illness where he missed a couple starts and dropped weight and it took him a while to get back to a full 100 percent.

The Dispatch was the first media outlet to put out Beck’s signing with the Astros as it was finalized on July 26 on multiple social media platforms.

Beck expressed that the process during the week of the signing was fun, great, but hectic due to him traveling through a couple states within a three-day time span.

Beck told the Dispatch he is going to be with Houston’s player

development in Florida for the remainder of the MLB season.

In the next couple of months, Beck said that he wants to get better in the time he is in Florida and build rapport with people in the game because everyone has different opinions and can talk with multiple people for training afterwards.

He added that throughout the developmental process he will be doing a lot of strength and conditioning training as well as trying to add velocity, along with intrasquad.

Sutter baseball head coach Stewart Peterson told the Dispatch that Beck is the first person from the Huskies baseball program to sign with an MLB club since 2014 alumnus Brad Bonnenfant signed with the Kansas City Royals in 2019 as an UDFA from the University of

Nevada, Reno.

Peterson expressed his happiness and added that the Astros were consistently present for Beck’s senior season at Sutter.

Peterson told the dispatch that his advice as a mentor/coach for Beck would be to stay in the moment, work hard and not take anything for granted. ★



Jagger Beck throws a pitch during the 2024 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division V playoffs.